

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sioux Falls was founded on the banks of the Big Sioux River with the arrival of the first land speculator, Western Town Company, and was chartered in 1856; and,

Whereas, Fort Dakota, a military reservation, established the present day downtown in May 1865, and the population grew to 593 by 1873; and,

Whereas, In 1876, the village of Sioux Falls was incorporated by the legislative assembly of the Dakota Territory with 1,200 acres of land, and the first train steamed into Sioux Falls on July 30, 1878; and,

Whereas, The village charter proved to be too restrictive so a city charter was petitioned and approved on March 3, 1883, and by 1890, the population exceeded 10,000; and,

Whereas, A grasshopper plague and national depression squelched population growth during the 1890s, but the opening of John Morrell in 1909 and the establishment of an airbase and military radio communications training school in 1942 were milestones for the city that demanded increased workforce and improved infrastructure for the area—the population began to boom again; and,

Whereas, Today, Sioux Falls has grown into a financial, health care and educational engine for the state of South Dakota, as well as providing all the opportunities for a great quality of life: shopping, transportation, sports, art and culture; and,

Whereas, Sioux Falls will celebrate its 150th Anniversary from June 30 - July 4, 2006, with numerous activities:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 30 - July 4, 2006, as

SIOUX FALLS SESQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State